1. SOME DEFINITIONS

STATUTE LAW (Acts of Parliament)

COMMON LAW (courts) – common law wife
CIVIL WRONGS (private suit between individuals) - lawsuit

Damages (different from ‘damage’)

CRIMINAL OFFENCES (prosecution by the state)

Prison, fines…

A COURT
THREE DIFFERENT JUDICIAL SYSTEMS:

- One for Scotland
- One for Northern Ireland
- One for England and Wales
2. SIMPLIFIED VIEW OF THE ENGLISH JUSTICE SYSTEM

Lower courts
SUPREME COURT : created in 2005

(Before, the highest court of appeal was the House of Lords)

Also for Scotland and Northern Ireland
3. CRIMES AND OFFENCES

MURDER WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT

MANSLAUGHTER

ABDUCTION

RAPE

ASSAULT AND BATTERY
TO ROB SOMEONE OF SOMETHING
TO STEAL SOMETHING FROM SOMEONE
TRESPASS
BURGLARY
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY